



## HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016 HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Natalie Iwasa called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **A quorum was established with 9 members present.** Note: This 15 member Board requires 8 members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present** – Paige Altonn, René Garvin, Marian Grey, Natalie Iwasa, Carol Jaxon (arrived at 7:29 p.m.), Greg Knudsen, Carl Makino, Roberta Mayor, Elizabeth Reilly, Lasha-Lynn Salbosa, Herb Schreiner (arrived at 7:17 p.m.), and Britney Taamu-Miyashiro (arrived at 8:53 p.m.)

**Board Members Absent:** – Robert Clark and Maxine Rutkowski.

**Guests** – Tim Houghton (Deputy Director of Environmental Services, Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Sergeant Saris Haruha and Corporal Steven Rivas (Honolulu Police Department); Rian Adachi (Board of Water Supply); Senator Sam Slom; Representative Gene Ward; Representative Mark Hashem; Councilmember Trevor Ozawa; Bob Kern, Micki Stash and Lisa Bishop (Friends of Hanauma Bay); Kalani Fronda (Kamehameha Schools); Sandra Simons (Portlock Association); Travis Counsell (Hawaii Bicycling League); Carl Shaad, Leighton Kern, Jennifer Taylor, Rich Carpenter, Valorie Carpenter, Gerald Meredith, Robert Lipman, Sandy Heredia, David Heredia, Cathy Korda, Gunter Koeher, Joe Johnson, Kaiuluoo, Akiko Uechi, Marylou Toyama, Steve Nadali, and Chris Acosta (Neighborhood Commission Office).

**CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT** – Board members and community members were reminded to be respectful of others' opinions and the time limits posted in the agenda.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS** – The Board members present introduced themselves.

**VACANCY: SUBDISTRICT 9** – There were no applicants for the vacancy. Chair Iwasa encouraged residents to talk to others about applying for the position.

#### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** - No representative present. Personnel were checking on storm drains in preparation for the coming storm.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Corporal Steven Rivas distributed a handout and Sergeant Saris Hanuha reported the following:

- **July 2016 Statistics:** There were 17 motor vehicle thefts, 5 burglaries, 26 thefts, 24 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMVs), and 6,314 calls for service.
- **Safety Tip:** Hawaii's Hurricane Season is from June through November. Disaster preparedness tips were supplied on a handout provided.

**Board of Water Supply (BWS)** – Scott Muraoka reported the following:

- **July 2016 Main Breaks:** There were 4 breaks in July: the Kaluanui Road/Kanakou Place intersection; 1319 Lunalilo Home Road; 7534 Nakalele Street; and 7118 Kukii Street.
- **Niumalu Loop Question:** BWS work did not cause the road buckling. The area was reinspected several times. There were 2 breaks within 2 weeks and the contractor also repaved between the breaks.

**Board member Schreiner arrived; 10 members present.**

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Century Ride:** Travis Counsell announced the 35th annual Honolulu Century and Aloha Fun Rides on September 25, 2016, from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Hawaii Kai Strong:** Garvin reported there is no meeting for September due to the two approaching hurricanes and encouraged residents to prepare. Monthly siren testing will not occur to avoid confusion.

- Keawawa Wetland: Reilly invited everyone to Keawawa Wetland and Hawea Heiau Saturday, September 10, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to noon for a volunteer workday and open house.
- Ka Iwi Coast Run/Walk: Altonn announced the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ka Iwi Coast Run/Walk on November 20, 2016, beginning at 6:00 a.m.

#### PUBLIC-GENERATED ISSUES

- Friends of Hanauma Bay (FOHB): Bob Kern reported the lighting project at Hanauma Bay is in progress and expected to be completed in October 2016. He noted that the City is installing conventional electric lights, not the preferred solar panels. Lisa Bishop reported non-profit organizations with permits to sell certain items at the bay are not abiding by the rules. Senator Thielen is working to ensure that Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) enforces the rules. The eventual goal is for non-profit organizations to no longer sell their merchandise at the bay.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Timing: Bishop responded to Reilly that the timing is not yet known and FOHB will keep the Board informed.
  2. Violators: Bishop explained for resident Karlen Ross that the information is available in the article in Civil Beat.
- Homeless Persons: Chair Iwasa noted a resident's emailed comments that the Marina Association's work on clearing their property was well done, but as area cleared, people who were living there moved farther along the marina.

**Board member Carol Jaxon arrived; 11 members present.**

#### CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

1. House District 17: Karlen Ross introduced himself as a candidate for House District 17. Representative Gene Ward introduced himself and welcomed Mr. Ross to the race.
2. Senate District 25: Robert Nagamine introduced himself as a candidate for Senate House District 25.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Board of Water Supply Draft 30-Year Water Master Plan (WMP): Scott Muraoka reported that BWS is developing the Water Master Plan (WMP) as a comprehensive program, looking ahead 30 years, to evaluate the entire water system. It provides an updated understanding of Oahu's water system, supply and needs, creating a roadmap to establish priorities and adopt sustainable financing strategies. BWS took on a rigorous 3-year process to develop the WMP, integrating multiple elements to formulate the plan recommendations. He noted the following:

- Saving Water: BWS has succeeded in saving 10 billion gallons since 1990 despite increasing numbers of people served. Main breaks are steadily decreasing and are now below the national average.
- Growth Projections: Increased population is expected for Ewa, Waipahu, and the urban core of Honolulu over the next 30 years. Rainfall is decreasing and is down 23% in the last 10 years.
- Major Recommendations: A major goal is new water supplies for Ewa and Honolulu. Plans are to double the non-potable water supply; utilize desalinization; increase storage capacity; replace high priority lines and install new ones to add capacity.
- Costs: BWS expects the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds to be sufficient for this term. It could be necessary to increase rates in 2018. The 30-year CIP plan includes sequencing projects and scheduling after the financial plan and rate study are completed, which is a 1-year process with input from the community.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. CIP Funds: Muraoka confirmed for Lisa Bishop that the CIP funds should sustain the projects to 2018.
2. Master Plan: Reilly noted that she participated on the advisory team and learned a great deal. She encouraged residents to download the plan and learn about it. Ellen Kichimura, BWS Assistant Director, appreciated Reilly's participation and noted that the BWS Board of Directors adopts the plan and presents it to the City Council for their information.

HK Marine: Charlie Hunter reported on his new boat and trailer parking facility across from Costco. He stated he is not paving it, but will keep it maintained; he has planted naupaka and put up fencing. He has received positive comments from people. The hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to sunset. For any questions, comments or concerns, contact Mr. Charlie Hunter at 1-844-379-2628. Chair Iwasa reported that Hunter did receive his permits.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Occupancy: Hunter answered Reilly that he has a total of 58 stalls.

2. Hours of Operations, Security and Cost: Hunter responded to Altonn that the hours of operations are from 7:00 a.m. to sunset, there would be no security personnel but a security camera would be installed, and that the cost depends on the size of the trailer/boat. Altonn inquired if Hunter pays rent to Kamehameha School and how much and Hunter stated that he was not ready to disclose that information.
3. Thank You: Several residents stated full support for this business and thanked Mr. Hunter. Many said that this service was long overdue in Hawaii Kai.
4. Kamehameha Schools: Altonn noted she fully supports the business and thinks it's a great idea, but is concerned that Kamehameha Schools is making money on preservation land and fears it might set precedent for a zoning change request. Hunter responded that it is an allowable use within the current zoning requirements.
5. Two Fences: Hunter replied to Chair Iwasa that the fencing closest to the sidewalk would be removed after the plantings are more developed.

## OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Tim Houghton, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Services (ENV), reported the following:

- World Conservation Union Congress: The World Conservation Union Congress is September 1 - 10, 2016. The Congress is bringing more than 8,000 attendees together, from 170 countries, to discuss the most challenging conservation issues. Be aware of traffic changes in the Convention Center and Blaisdell areas.
- Stables: Regarding questions about funding and requests for proposals, this is still being discussed so Houghton cannot provide an answer. The 1-year temporary contract has gone to Horse Haven and the user is providing the 24-hour personnel.
- Portlock Signs: Replacement of the no parking signs should be scheduled soon.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Status: Knudsen asked for the status on paving in Kalama Valley. Houghton will follow up.
2. Feral Chickens: Grey asked if the feral chicken eradication contract would be renewed.
3. Clean Up: Grey inquired if the land between the Hawaii Kai Marina Association property and the Park and Ride belongs to the City. If so, can the City also cleanup their area to deter homeless persons staying in the area.

Councilmember Trevor Ozawa – Councilmember Ozawa provided a newsletter and reported the following:

- Congratulations: Councilmember Ozawa congratulated Chair Iwasa on her election as Chair.
- Thank You: He thanked Charlie Hunter for providing Hawaii Kai with a service many had been requesting.
- Stables: He is working with DPR on creative use of the funding and they are close to completion.
- Homeless: He is working with Kalani Fronda, Kamehameha Schools, and the City to find ways to discourage people from encamping in the area because of safety concerns.
- Hawaii Kai Satellite City Hall: The lease ends August 31, 2016, and the police station would be included if a move is required. Councilmember Ozawa is concerned that City Council only learned of it last week. The owner increased the rent because of the impact of City Hall on the parking situation. The City is looking to locate in another area, but if one is not found, the Councilmember prefers to pay the increased rent rather than move the City Hall.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Abstentions & Donations: Grey inquired whether a councilmember receiving a donation from a building contractor retains the right to vote on whether that project can still go forward or should abstain. Councilmember Ozawa stated the individual councilmember still has the right to vote.
2. Waiver of Zoning Regulations: Grey questioned how zoning regulations (such as height, distance from the sidewalk, parking lots, and percentage for low income housing) get waived because the City is paid money by the builder. Councilmember Ozawa responded that in Transit Oriented Development (TOD) districts, the City Council approves zoning after planning is completed, with many community input opportunities.
3. Illegal Taxis & Tour Vans on Scenic Byway: Reilly expressed concerns about illegal use of the Scenic Byway and Councilmember Ozawa noted this problem needs island-wide discussion.

Senator Sam Slom – Senator Slom distributed a newsletter and reported the following:

- Rail: At today's meeting with the Federal Transit Authority (FTA), where the outcome was that FTA said there would be no money if rail does not go to Ala Moana, Sen. Slom expects this to lead to talk of extending the excise tax.
- Court Cases: the court dismissed the suit against the Governor's recent appointment to the Public Utilities Commission. The Employees Retirement System suit resulted in a Temporary Restraining Order and Kaiser now will not take over Maui Hospital before next year.
- Foster Care: Foster parent allowances were raised after many years with no increases.

- \$1 Billion Surplus: The surplus is not really money, but simply the difference between one year and the next.
- Hurricanes: Reminder – 2 hurricanes are approaching, take precautions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Windfarms: Grey noted the importance of saving our local Hoary Bats that are apparently being killed by the wind farms.

Senator Laura Thielen – No representative; a newsletter was provided.

Representative Gene Ward – Representative Gene Ward reported the following:

- Thank You: Rep.Ward also congratulated Chair Iwasa and thanked Charlie Hunter for helping out the community,
- Mariners Ridge Thief: The thief has been caught, with the help of NextDoorNeighbor.Com website.
- NextDoorNeighbor.Com is a free private social network where neighbors share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale or to give away, and ideas about how to make our neighborhood better. To sign up, visit nextdoor.com.
- Homeless Task Force: Rep. Ward's office is working with the new "Hawaii Kai Community Advisory Council," which has formed a "Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force" to actively work on solutions.
- Beer Summit: September 1, 2016, 5:30 p.m., Kona Brewing Company, features Professor Maya Soetoro-Ng.
- Coffee Summit: September 6, 2016, at Zippy's Koko Marina, and every first Tuesday of the month.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Furniture in Cleared Area: A resident asked about the furniture across from the Post Office. Rep.Ward stated that it was put there by teen-agers and would be removed.
2. Clean Up: Reilly noted that Kamehameha Schools is cleaning up that area and it takes a while since they also have to clear trash.
3. 7000 Hawaii Kai Drive Overgrowth: Reilly stated that part of the land fronting the building belongs to Livable Hawaii Kai Hui (LHKH), and the City owns part. The City does cut the grass in their area on a rotational basis. LHKH has a landscape plan for their portion and has raised \$45 thousand but can't begin the work until they have raised \$70 thousand.

**Board member Britney Taamu-Miyashiro arrived; 12 members present.**

Representative Mark Hashem – Representative Mark Hashem reported the following:

- Homeless: Representative Hashem noted that there are different needs among the homeless. Residents should call his office and they will contact outreach providers.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Potential Relocation of Hawaii Kai Satellite City Hall and Police Office (HKSCH): Tim Houghton reported that the City and County of Honolulu is negotiating with the new owner and wants to keep the HKSCH at its current location at approximately the same cost. The current lease ends August 31, 2016, and there is a recent agreement to continue to pay the current rate on a month-to-month basis to allow time to work out a solution.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Relocating: Reilly asked if the City is considering relocating to a new location, such as Kalama Valley Shopping Center. Houghton stated that the City prefers to retain the current location, but if there is no agreement, looking at other locations would be the next move.
2. Parking Issue: Houghton responded to Jaxon that paying more for parking is a possibility, but it would depend on what the new owner wanted to do. Jaxon also noted that the HKCSH has been there for a long time and parking was never an issue until the new owner took over.
3. Management: Chair Iwasa reported the manager said they could not discuss the issue while it is in negotiation.
4. Police Station: HPD said they would do their best to find a place in Hawaii Kai even if City Hall moves.
5. Thank You Letter: Reilly would like to send a "Thank You" letter to the Mayor for working to keep the service within the Hawaii Kai Area.

**Reilly moved and Schreiner seconded that the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 send a "Thank You" letter to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu to thank him for working to keep the service within the Hawaii Kai area. The motion was unanimously APPROVED, 12-0-0 (AYES: Alton, Garvin, Grey, Iwasa, Jaxon, Knudsen, Makino, Mayor, Reilly, Salbosa, Schreiner, Taamu-Miyashiro; NAYS: none; ABSTAIN: none).**

6. Funding: Councilmember Ozawa responded to Makino that he will see to it that funds are in the budget if needed and he has already spoken with the Budget Committee Chair. The Councilmember noted that this could have been handled when City Council was going through the budget process if they had known about it.

## OLD BUSINESS

Hawaii Memorial Reef: A representative of the project reported the following:

- Apology: He apologized to the community and stated that they realized the project was not well received and agreed no cremains would be included in the reef. They will seek funding elsewhere. They still want to do the reef and believe it will benefit the bay.
- Overuse of Bay: The project will not add to overuse of the bay as they would have only 1 - 2 boats and would work around schedules of other users.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Written Testimony Received: Chair Iwasa listed testimonies received after last month's meeting in opposition to the project from Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center, Roxanne Jim, Becky McGuire, Dr. Robert Richmond, Maunalua Triangle/Koko Kai Community Association, and Laura Thompson. She noted Island Divers sent a letter of support, as did the Fisheries Project in California. William Aila supported artificial reefs.
2. Hawaiian Perspective: Leighton, a long time mariner, explained that the problem is not the reef, but development and over fishing and that the Hawaiian approach is keeping *kapu* (prohibited seasons) and cleaning out the *opala* (rubbish) before anything can change.
3. Increased Conflicts: Jennifer Taylor of Malama Maunalua stated that the reef project does not solve the problems and would increase conflicts in use of the bay.
4. Health of the Bay: Dr. Robert Richmond noted he has studied the bay for 12 years and believes the proposal would not help with the problems of sediment and bleaching. Dr. Eric DiCarlo agreed runoff and mudweed problems would persist, but stated that the reefballs would create another ecosystem to supplement the original and that there is evidence that they do work.
5. Lack of Transparency: Several residents commented that decisions appear to have been made without community input, and there is no clarity on how they were reached or why this bay was chosen, giving the impression that decisions were made for the convenience of the project rather than the needs of this particular bay. Salbosa noted the failure to collaborate with residents was disheartening and inquired what the permit plan is now, with the changes they have made. A project representative responded that they originally focused on Ewa Beach but were recently steered out here and did not have time to do a good job.
6. Steered by Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR): Reilly questioned what agency "steered" them and whether it was in writing. Richard Filanc stated they worked with DAR, and they had done all the studies, noting it was not all a commercial idea but was to obtain the means to finance the reef. Reilly noted she contacted DAR, learning that this bay meets the conditions and needs of the developer, and there is nothing in writing. She commented on the number of inconsistencies along with discovering that several contact people listed by the project stated that they had never talked with them. She encouraged Hawaii Memorial Reef to join in with a local working group that has several projects on care for our resources, noting that this work takes time and would not be done quickly.

**Neighborhood Assistant Allan "Chris" Acosta; Departed at 10:00 p.m.**

7. DAR Representative: David from DAR, reported that they encouraged presentations before the project got too far along and that there were very few locations that fit the depth required that were not already protected. DAR does have artificial reefs for increasing fish populations and a Federal program supports this. Coral reefs here are "low relief" which spread fish to a wider area; artificial reefs could possibly increase concentrations rather than increasing numbers of fish. DLNR rejected their permit application because they needed to do more public outreach, so there is nothing to review until they resubmit.
8. Decision-Making: Makino stated that he was not prepared to vote no, but would prefer if it had been proven in other locations first. Reilly commented she hoped to complete the cycle on the action started last month and reach closure tonight. She suggested the board could take action on the original proposal presented, which would not prevent the project returning with a 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal.

**Knudsen moved and Garvin seconded that the meeting adjourn due to having passed the 10:00 p.m. cut-off time, the Neighborhood Assistant having left, and the Olelo cameraperson needing to leave as well. The motion FAILED: 5-7-0.**

**Reilly moved that the board take action on the proposed letter. She then asked Salbosa to present the motion.**

Discussion: Salbosa said she could not amend the proposed letter in the time available and the lack of clarity about the plan. Reilly asked for a simpler motion, on whether to support the original proposal as presented. Knudsen commented that the board could not take a position on a commercial business. Reilly noted that it is on the reef project, not the business, and they are required to present their planned project to the board.

**DEFERRAL:** Chair Iwasa deferred the item until next month due to lack of time and the importance of the issue and asked that project management be clear and complete about what they are doing in the information they provide and that they do so in a timely manner rather than 2 -3 days before the board meeting.

Candidate Forum Committee: Chair Iwasa asked for volunteers for a Permitted Interaction Group for planning the candidate forum next month. Grey, Garvin and Mayor volunteered and were appointed after confirming the NCO ruling that a board member may provide service in this capacity unless they have direct campaign involvement.

#### CLOSING OF THE MEETING

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: deferred to the September 27, 2016, meeting.

#### CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Board Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 will be Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria.
- Olelo Viewings: The Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 regular meetings are cablecast on Olelo channel 49 on the second Monday of the month at 9:00 p.m. and on the first and third Fridays of the month at 7:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Acosta, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant II  
Reviewed and Finalized by: Secretary René Garvin  
Chairperson Natalie Iwasa

The Honorable Kirk Caldwell, Mayor  
City & County of Honolulu  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mayor Caldwell,

At its August 30 meeting, the Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board (Board) discussed the potential relocation of the Hawaii Kai Satellite City Hall and Honolulu Police Department office due to an unresolved lease extension with the Hawaii Kai Towne Center (Center).

During the Board's discussion, Mr. Tim Houghton informed us that your staff is currently working through the negotiations with the Center to ensure these vitally important public services continue to serve Hawaii Kai and greater East Honolulu communities.

The Board would like to extend our gratitude for your consideration and kokua. Please let me know how we may support you and your staff in this effort.

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Aloha,

Natalie Iwasa, Chairperson  
Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board

cc: Councilmember Trevor Ozawa  
Senator Sam Slom  
Senator Laura Thielen  
Representative Gene Ward  
Representative Mark Hasham